

COMMUNITY NEWS

IRS warns of e-mail scam about tax refunds

The Internal Revenue Service today issued a consumer alert about an Internet scam in which consumers receive an e-mail informing them of a tax refund. The e-mail, which claims to be from the IRS, directs the consumer to a link that requests personal information, such as Social Security number and credit card information.

This scheme is an attempt to trick the e-mail recipients into disclosing their personal and financial data. The practice is called "phishing" for information.

The information fraudulently obtained is then used to steal the taxpayer's identity and financial

assets. Generally, identity thieves use someone's personal data to steal his or her financial accounts, run up charges on the victim's existing credit cards, apply for new loans, credit cards, services or benefits in the victim's name and even file fraudulent tax returns.

The IRS has seen numerous attempts over the years to defraud the public and the federal government through a variety of schemes, including abusive tax avoidance transactions, identity theft, claims for slavery reparations, frivolous arguments and more. More information on these schemes may be found on the IRS website at [IRS.gov](http://irs.gov).

If you receive an unsolicited e-mail purporting to be from the IRS, take the following steps:

Glover recognized as Outstanding Course Leader

Robert W. Glover, CCLA, has been recognized as an Outstanding Course Leader by the American Institute of America, national educational organizations headquartered in Malvern, Pa. This recognition is based on his having taught insurance and financial services courses whose students passed the national certifying examination at a level that met or exceeded the national pass ratio for that exam.

He and other course leaders, for the most part, hold full-time jobs and teach insurance courses part-time because they are com-

mitted to the professional development of their colleagues.

Glover serves as vice president with National Security Fire and Casualty Company in Elba. He is a graduate of University of Oklahoma in Norman, Okla., where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics.

Glover is past-president of the Elba Lions Club, and he has also served as the group's secretary and treasurer. He has led institute course for two years.

Mr. Glover and his wife, Penny, live in Elba. They have four children.

Nursing course leaders for all health care workers... Nurses will receive 7.2 contact hours of continuing education credit in cooperation with Diversified Nursing Services, an organization approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing as a provider of continuing education.

(provider # ABNPO436). Diversified Nursing is also approved for continuing education by the Alabama Board of Social Work Examiners for 6.0 contact hours. For specific course title and course objectives, call 334-347-2623, ext 2209.

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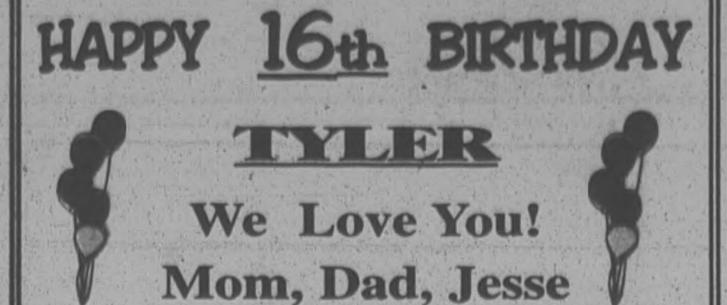
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Jan. 17, 2006 • 7:30 pm • Enterprise High School
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The Elba Clipper

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Meeting held earlier this week in Elba

Officials continue to look at flood control

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

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Despite lengthy discussion and attention to matter

Tax abatement request makes no progress during Commission meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Copfusion highlighted the Coffee County Commission meeting Monday morning, Jan. 9, as commissioners tried to address a tax abatement request.

Frank Thompson, director of the Enterprise Coffee Geneva

is planning to add a new blast

oven to the company that is expanding and proud of the job Mr. Thompson does. Stephens said he felt like he would have to pass on voting in favor of this requested tax abatement.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks said he is in favor of the 68 jobs this expansion will bring to Coffee County.

Grimes said he appreciates the comments made by Stephens, but he feels the county needs to be proactive.

"I've had several chicken farmers call and complain about not getting tax abatements," Commissioner Doug Dalrymple said. "If we give this, I think we

are pleased with the results." *NOTICE*
The 2006 Miss Elba pageants, sponsored by the New Seasons Study Club, will be Saturday, March 4, at 6 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium. This year's theme is "Viva Las Vegas." Entry gift will be collected for Elba City Schools or have a permanent Elba address and meet age requirements. Age divisions are as follows: Future Little Miss Elba — ages 3-5; Little Miss Elba — first graders; Junior Miss Elba — 7th thru 10th graders; and Miss Elba — seniors.

Deadline for all entries is Sunday, Jan. 29, at the Miss Elba Tea, held at Mooseley's Studio. An entry fee of \$30 is due on this date, and all entry forms will be given out at the time of arrival. All contestants should be prepared for their photographic picture to be taken on this day. Contestants will sell ads for a slide show presentation to be shown to the audience and judges the night of the pageant. All ads sold should be turned in the day of the tea. Future Little Miss and Little Miss Contestants should arrive at 2 p.m. Junior Miss and Miss Contestants should arrive at 2:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in participating in this event should contact the pageant chairperson, Destiny Hudson (897-3619 or 494-3544) for ad sales information and questions.

Elba set to take over garbage pickup service Jan. 31

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met Monday evening, passed some resolutions, reviewed the financial statement, paid the bills and fielded a couple of complaints which had been called to the attention of council members.

Two resolutions relating to the ongoing sewer upgrade project CDBG grant were approved by the council. One cleared the way for Peters Mitchell Associates, of Dothan, to do the engineering on the project. The other reso-

lution approved Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission to administer the CDBG grant.

Mayor James Grimes told council members the financial statement was looking good for the first two months of the fiscal year. He noted that most departments were actually under budget on the October/November financial statement. The exceptions were appropriations (which pays the total annual budgeted amount at the first of the fiscal year) and the street department which showed an expenditure for supplies at twice the budgeted amount of \$6,666.67.

Other departments, such as Capital Expenditures, have yet to expend much of the budgeted amounts. That will change as paving and reworking of some large equipment gets underway.

Monthly bills totaling \$86,935.80 were approved for payment. This included utilities, gas and oil, transfer to the schools, note payments and garbage fees.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported the new garbage truck was due in Elba next week with the City of Elba scheduled to take over the service on January 31st.

Grimes also reported that the demolition work at the old school was moving along smoothly. He added that the owner had been contacted and informed that he must do something about the problem.

Councilman Tom Hooks requested something be done on Martin L. King Drive at the levee. He noted roughness in the road and inability to see over the levee are creating dangerous situations. The police chief and city clerk agreed to look at the problem.

Councilman Harold Spicer passed along a request from a citizen to be able to ride bicycles on the levee walking trail. Grimes told him that this was strictly prohibited due to dangers of meeting on the narrow trail, steep banks, etc.

Police Chief Freddie Haney reported the resignation of an officer who accepted a position in Brantley.

Area Happenings

OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW BROCKTON HIGH SCHOOL

will be Thursday, Jan. 12, from 5-7 p.m. Report cards may be picked up at this time.

KICKOFF FOR THE 14TH ANNUAL AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE is Thursday, Jan. 12, from 6:30 p.m. at St. Luke United Methodist Church in Enterprise. Those interested in having a team this year should drop by St. Luke and get the necessary information. The theme of this year's relay is "Cancer Never Takes A Holiday," and the date is May 19 at ECCC. For more information call Sheila Reeves or Linda Andress at 347-3411.

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES will be closed Monday, Jan. 16, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. There will be standby crews for any emergency with electric, water, street and sewer. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage pickup schedule will be unchanged.

PARENTS OF ELBA HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS are asked to attend a Senior Parent Financial Aid Workshop Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 6 p.m. The workshop will be held in the high school auditorium.

Council member Jeff White presented a report from the New Brockton Water Board. He said the water board has contracted with Holloway Credit, a collection company, to assist the town in collecting funds on past due bills.

While on the topic of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Herron reminded everyone of New Brockton's annual Martin

King Jr. remembrance day activities. He said the day's activities will begin at the Old Warren Smith School building at 9 a.m. From there, attendees will march through New Brockton to Springfield Baptist Church. A program will begin at 11 a.m. at the church, and Mayor Charles Cole will be the guest speaker.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

The Alabama Legislature is back in session, as of Tuesday of this week. Bills passed, or even considered normally carry a more political tone during election years and 2006 promises to be no different. It is not unusual for candidates to call for tax cuts (and more benefits) but it is disappointing to read that Governor Bob Riley has jumped on the bandwagon with across the board cuts in state income taxes. Increasing the floor for low income tax payments is long overdue, that should be on everyone's agenda. However to cut income tax will only cause increased problems in a General Fund that is already hurting. There is a crying need for prisons, prison guards, state troopers, new and/or better highways, repairs to existing roads and bridges, mental health - the list goes on and on yet there are no funds in the General Fund to pay for these needs. Cutting taxes which feed the general fund will only make this matter worse. But to properly play to the political polls, politicians continue to make the unreasonable proposals and leave it to someone else to kill the idea in committee. Such action will produce even more opportunities for the candidates to preach that "I tried to help you but those bad guys wouldn't let." Oh just three years ago this same Bob Riley had this old country boy convinced that Alabama needed to pass additional taxes. Wonder where that need went after the tax measure failed?

Reverend and Mrs. Mickey Redd did a good deed several weeks ago but it got them some unwanted embarrassment. A knock at the front door during a rain led to a call to the police after being told by the woman at the door of abuse. The call was listed (correctly) on the police logs as a report from their Highland Avenue address of a domestic disturbance. The police report information was printed in The Elba Clipper, causing some church members to question what was happening with their preacher. Well folks, nothing was happening except the Redds were practicing what the bible teaches them to do . . . and helping someone who said she was in need. These are good folks to have in Elba.

We are often heard commenting that a person can be sued over the color of their shirt . . . but might not collect. Well now we have heard a real one that tops that! In England a computer website (or blog) featured a picture of "Mom's apple pie". The computer owner was told to remove the picture because - now get this - it might cause offense/disturbance/upset to people with eating disorders/difficulties/distress/issues". Our British friends are even more politically correct than Americans.

Last week Enterprise Mayor Kenneth Boswell hosted a meeting on 4-laning of Highway 167 from Troy to the Florida line. The meeting was informative but most of those in attendance left with a feeling that they will live to see that vital project completed. This is embarrassing because Florida already has plans to 4-lane the Florida side (Fla Hwy 79) up to the state line. That means that during storm evacuations, the people leaving the beaches in drives will pile up at the Alabama state line waiting for a chance to get on a highway half the size they came from the beaches on.

Elba Police Report

Dr. (11:24 p.m.)
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 4
Routing activity.

THURSDAY, JAN. 5 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on County Rd. 518 (5:08 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JAN. 6 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1019 Hickman Ave. (12:05 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 158 County Rd. 1208 (7:04 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Martin Luther King Dr. by Hammond Funeral Home (1:35 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 28390 Hwy. 167 (6:30 p.m.); Disturbance (fireworks) reported at 343-Brunson Circle (8:39 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JAN. 7 - Wreck reported just below 3208 County Rd. 404 (6:30 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck just below 3208 County Rd. 404 (7:28 p.m.); Elba Fire Department (6:30 p.m.) to the wreck just below 3208 County Rd. 404 (6:41 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JAN. 8 - Disturbance reported at 1584 Caroline St., Apt. B2 (5:53 a.m.); River stage - 6.99 feet (7:00 a.m.); Minor wreck reported in the Dairy Queen parking lot (3:25 p.m.).

DAILY activity highlights for the week ends as follows:

MONDAY, JAN. 2 - River stage - 8.77 feet (7:00 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson Ave. (5:15 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck N. of 17649 Hwy. 125 N. (11:19 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JAN. 3 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 748 Lee St. (1:29 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 471 County Rd. 404 (9:07 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1152 Neil Grantham

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should look at giving the farmers back to the original motion to approve a tax abatement for Wayne Farms on property taxes at an estimated \$25,504 per year for five years. The vote was tied at 3-3 with commissioners Grimley, Brooks and Westbrook voting in favor and commissioners Thompson, Stephens and Dalrymple voting against.

No action was taken. County engineer Randy Tindell had several requests for consideration by commissioners during Monday's meeting. These requests approved by commissioners included:

- Approved the purchase of a tractor with boom cutter from the state surplus lot at \$29,800.
- Approved the final plat, contingent upon a signature from the developer, for Hunter Ridge subdivision Phase II.
- Approved the final plat for the Oak Hills subdivision.

• Approved the low bid for ready built roll-off trucks from RDK Truck Sales at \$101,255. Also gave Tindell permission to buy one truck at this time off the bid.

• Approved a bid to move a metal building recently donated to the county. The total cost of the bid with all options was \$38,680. Tindell said the base price of the project included dismantling, moving and reassembling of the building in the landfill (\$13,500). The options included improvements to the building. Option 1 included raising the building about four feet all the way around, putting old metal from the roof around the side, new metal on the roof and new door walls (\$13,288). Option 2 included insulation of the building (\$4,580). Option 3 included four roll-up doors and a couple of walk-thru doors (\$6,000). Option 4 included gutters (\$1,600).

Not agreeing with that, Commissioner Stephens made a motion to reconsider the vote on the sales tax. He received no second.

While commissioners moved on with the meeting, county administrator Wilson Mobley quietly began researching the rules of procedure for such matters. Later on, he said he found the answer to the questions, and he and county attorney Joe Cassidy agreed that there had been an error regarding the tax abatement motion and amendment.

Mobley said according to the rules of procedure an amendment to a motion can not serve as an equivalent to rejecting the original motion. In essence, he said that is what the amendment made by Commissioner Thompson did to the original motion regarding the tax abatement.

Therefore, Mobley said the amendment was improper and should be considered null and void.

Approved a credit application for the landfill for Hickman Moving and Storage of Elba.

Approved a motion made by Commissioner Westbrook with a second from Commissioner Stephens to close County Road 434. A public hearing was held at the beginning of the meeting regarding the closure of this road.

The only person to speak at the meeting was one of the landowners who requested the closing. At that time, Commissioner Westbrook said she received a phone call the night prior regarding the closure of the road in

which the individual had a concern about being able to get to his land. When Westbrook made the motion to proceed with closing the road, she informed everyone that the individual did come to the meeting but after the hearing. She said she stepped outside to

speak with him, and he indicated he no longer had a problem with the closure; therefore, she made the motion to proceed.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Jan. 23, at 9 a.m. in New Brockton.

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In other business, commissioners

approached a request on behalf of the local American Cancer Society to waive all rental fees for the farm center for a concert to be held in which all proceeds will benefit the Coffee County Relay for Life.

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LIFESTYLES

Gibson-Hollingsworth wedding held Thursday, December 22nd in Troy



Mr. & Mrs. Robert (Bobby) Gibson

Midge Hollingsworth, of Elba, Ala., and Robert "Bobby" Gibson, of Dothan, Ala., were united in holy matrimony on Thursday, December 22, 2005, with a small, private ceremony in Troy, Ala. where they exchanged vows.

The couple will reside in the Zion Chapel community.

Family and friends congratulated the newly weds as they set out on a new life journey.

Financial Aid available for college students

College students needing financial aid for the 2006-2007 academic year should go to <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> or call the Financial Aid Office at Enterprise-Ozark Community College at 334-347-2623, ext. 223 or visit the website at <http://www.eoccc.edu/> for information on how to apply. Awards are announced early, so students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.



LBW Community College announces Fall Semester honor roll

LBW Community College president Edward Meadows has announced academic honor students for the 2005 Fall Semester. A total of 79 students were named to the President's List and 106 students were named to the Dean's List. To qualify for these distinctions, students must be enrolled on a full-time basis and post a 3.5-3.99 (B+) grade point average to qualify for the Dean's List, and a 4.0 (A) grade point average to qualify for the President's List. The follow students received honors distinctions:

President's List: Coffee County Elba, Alabama, Trent V. Baker, Kaci Lynn Grantham, Patricia Ann Jordan, Stacey M. Nelson, Cara D. Patterson, Curtis R. Rushing; Kinston, Alabama-Angel N. Grace, Chase T. Williams; New Brockton, Alabama-Kala Dawn Anderson.

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Terry and Margaret Calhoun, Elba, announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Calhoun, to Clint Martin, son of Jim and Marie Martin, also of Elba.

He is a graduate of Luureen B. Wallace Community College, MacArthur campus, and is currently employed in Auburn. The couple plan an early Spring wedding.

Black History Banquet to be held Saturday, February 4th

A community-wide Black History Banquet will be held at the Enterprise-Ozark Community College, Enterprise on Saturday, February 4, 2006. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. The banquet is sponsored by Club Yeseopoch.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Roscoe Nance, NBA Sports Reporter from Herndon, Va.

For ticket information call: Essie DuBois 347-2844, Mary Merritt 347-8858, Jamesie Rivers 347-4212 or Eloise Henderson 347-3398.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Mrs. Martha Martin and the late Mr. James Martin and Mrs. Frances Vaughan and the late Mr. Lamar Vaughan, all

of Elba.

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Beekers to meet

The Southeast Alabama Beekeepers Association will hold its monthly meeting on the 2nd of February, 2006 at the coffee County Farm Center.

Anyone interested in the honeybees is welcome to attend. For more information please call Elizabeth Whitaker at 334-894-2077.

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SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales

Editors:
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Elba Elementary School Menu

January 16 - 20, 2006

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Holiday Pancake Pup/Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Holiday (King/Lee Day) Tuesday - Pizza, Broccoli, Cheese, Corn on Cob, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
Tuesday - Pop/Tart, Cheese, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Chicken Sandwich, Buttered Carrots, Green Beans, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Wednesday - Chicken Sandwich, Buttered Carrots, Green Beans, 1/2 Apple, Milk	Thursday - Vegetable Beef Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Thursday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
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New Brockton School News

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Local students attend national leadership conference in Kentucky

Youth from the Elba High School chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) recently participated in a weekend leadership conference held Nov. 18-20, in Louisville, Ky.

Attendees participated in a weekend of trainings and sessions that challenged, informed, and motivated members and their chapter advisors to become leaders through FCCLA.

Along with more than 4,500 other members and chapter advisors, Elba High School's FCCLA chapter advisor, Christina Whitlock, accompanied 10 members to the meeting.

The "You Got the Power!" theme was reinforced in the Opening General Session by guest speaker Aric Bostick, who inspired attendees to discover the "Power of One" and begin living their dreams today.

Saturday's agenda involved training in FCCLA's programs of Community Service, Dynamic Leadership, FACTS - Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety, Families First, Japanese Exchange Program, Power of One, STOP the Violence - Students Taking on Prevention, and Student Body. Other trainings included presentations about FCCLA's membership campaign, Be Part of It!, and teaching members how to spread the word about FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience by using Brand FCCLA.

The American Cancer Society, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), and March of Dimes also presented collaborative project ideas.

Keynote speaker Linda C. Carawan closed out the meeting with a high impact motivational message, "The Difference if You!", encouraging attendees to make the most of their powerful leadership

potential.

"This trip was a wonderful learning experience for both my students and myself," Whitlock said. "Everyone was able to learn valuable ways they can contribute to their community a better place to live. Not only were the students able to gain a great deal of education from the meetings, they were also able to explore the city, its heritage and realize that all communities need people helping and putting in to make their better places to live."

Louisville was one of four nationally sponsored training conferences this fall. These National Cluster Meetings are designed to allow local students and teachers to take advantage of high-quality leadership training opportunities.

Meetings were also held in Hartford, Connecticut; Houston, Texas; and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Family, Career and

Community Leaders of

the family as its central focus.

Participation in national programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in their families, careers and communities.

WCC campaign for excellence tops \$3M

The first major gifts campaign in the 56-year history of Wallace Community College is now a giant step closer to its \$4 million goal thanks to a \$250,000 contribution from the Wachovia Foundation.

Added to the \$2.8 million from businesses and individuals prior to the public phase of the Campaign for Excellence announced in October, Wachovia's donation takes the total cash and pledge commitments over the \$3 million mark, continuing momentum toward attaining the goal by spring 2006.

WCC President Linda C. Young expressed her gratitude for this latest gift. "We are here at the College are deeply appreciative of Wachovia's generous support and of their moving us past the 75 percent mark in the

where we work and live. All of us at Wachovia are pleased to invest in the success of our future workforce and an outstanding educational institution like Wallace Community College."

The campaign will support

four initiatives which have been

developed via:

1) development of a rapid response

fund to strengthen and expand

the College's workforce develop-

ment services; 2) expansion of

the capacity to train nurses and

allied health technicians; 3)

establishment of an endowment

fund for scholarships, capital

improvements and other College

needs; and 4) development of a

communications program to assist

students in developing communica-

tion and citizenship skills.

Charles Coggins, chairman of

the WCC Foundation board of

trustees, helped launch the cam-

paign two years ago by heading

the lead gifts committee and

involving key community lead-

ers. As director of governmental

affairs for the Dothan Area

Chamber of Commerce, Coggins

says he sees Wallace as espe-

cially important to building a highly-

paid, skilled workforce for the

region's manufacturing and

healthcare industries and to

attracting more industries in the

future.

"Wallace is vital to fulfilling

these needs," Coggins said. "If

properly supported, the com-

munity colleges produce the

skilled labor needed to position

new industry and help existing

businesses grow and prosper.

Four million dollars is just the

beginning. It will take five

years to see some good results,

and we've got to build on that in

terms of facilities, faculty and

technology."

Healthcare is one industry cur-

rently struggling to fill jobs.

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ment of Labor, half of the

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demand in the United States are

in allied health and nursing.

Wallace leads southeast

Alabama in producing allied

health and nursing workers.

In fact, Flowers Hospital CEO

Keith Granger, who co-chairs

the Campaign with local busi-

nessman Hugh Wheless, gen-

eral partner of Wheless

Development, Ltd., says 70 per-

cent of the nurses and healthcare

technicians in the area are

Wallace graduates.

Matt Parker, president of

Dothan by Design, the Dothan

Area Chamber's economic

development program, notes

Wallace as a center for lifelong

learning.

Parker said statistics indicate

67 percent of today's jobs

require a two-year degree, com-

pared to 24 percent requiring a

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SPORTS

**Views from....
The Pressbox**
By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

While I will admit the house is a little quieter now that our oldest has moved to college, with a sixteen-year-old daughter at home things still get a little noisy at times. Melinda now has to wash the dishes twice a week as before, gets to handle more of the house hold chores and gets to eat almost all the meals. Why would that make things noisy? If you have had a teenager you know that just because you want things done doesn't mean that they get done without some objections. Oh well, if things get too quiet I can always shout at the dog!

ONCE OVER LIGHTLY....

*** The Elba Tigers improved their record to 12-2 last week with a pair of big area wins over Highland Home and Luverne, and it

looks like the Tigers now have the regular season area championship and the right to host the area tournament almost in their grasp. Elba still has three more area games on the schedule and two are on the road. However, the Tigers are 3-0 now and should have the confidence knowing that since they have already beaten their foes once they can certainly do it again. In years past Elba has run out to a good record only to falter down the stretch and miss out on sub-region play, but something tells me that this bunch of seniors is determined to win a bang and will continue to get better as the season rolls along. There are many more battles left to fight, but the Elba Tigers are fighters and are on the verge of big things.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers suffered their first area loss of the season last week in overtime to Luverne, but still control their own destiny and can host the area tournament if they win their four-game losing streak with a key area win in Highland Home, and if the girls may get hard and play hard every time they hit the court they too may get to hang an area championship banner in the rafters at the Elba High gym.

*** The regular season is getting ready to enter the home stretch and for teams in the area the players, coaches and fans are all excited about the weeks to come. The Brantley Bulldogs are ranked #1 in the state in the 1A poll and should get better and better as they settle in after a late start while the Kinston Bulldogs have been put third in the state. They may not well be able to keep an eye on the 1A ranks. Zion Chapel has yet to win a game and must forget about records and dedicate itself to getting better, while 2A ranks New Brockton has yet to jell, but has as many athletes as any team in the area and could be a contender before the season draws to a close. Over on the girls side of the roster it looks like the Kinston Lady Bulldogs have a solid shot at making some noise in the post-season and are headed for a big season, while Zion Chapel has been inconsistent and must concentrate and play its best at all times to make a post-season run. As for Brantley and New Brockton, both teams are filled with youngsters and are simply trying to build a solid foundation for the future.

*** Pike County football coach Wayne Grant announced last week that he would return to coach the Bulldogs next season, after all. Coach Grant had hinted he would retire and had even filed his retirement papers with the state back before the state finals, but decided to come back and coach the team that had four state titles. Rumors were heard about Coach Grant returning to Zion Chapel and maybe going over to 6A Dothan. However, when the dust cleared last week he was back at Pike County and you know he is already working to add another trophy to the crowded trophy case.

*** I tip my hat to school officials at Virginia Tech for being the bullet and dismissing its all-conference quarterback Marcus Vick from the school. Vick had been in trouble on a constant basis since enrolling for years ago, and even sat out one season due to legal problems. In the Hokies bowl win last week he stomped on the leg of a defender, and the school officials finally decided enough was enough. If more colleges would follow the lead maybe they would run the thugs out of college sports and return it to a game of sportsmanship.

*** In closing... the long college bowl season is now over and Texas has emerged as the #1 team in the nation. It is hard to believe that one player could carry a team to a national title in these days of scholarship and practice reductions. However, Vince Young almost single handedly brought the title to the Longhorns and left even his biggest critics speechless after his performance in the Rose Bowl. Closer to home, the Crimson Tide reached the 10-win plateau with its Cotton Bowl win over Texas Tech and gave it's fans something to cheer about with its #8 ranking, while Auburn left Orlando more than a little embarrassed after being whipped by Wisconsin. The Tigers had fun before the game and got to visit all the parks, but once the game started they ran head first into the wall. One interesting fact I heard last week was that Alabama's Mike Shula now has as many 10-win seasons as Auburn's Tommy Tuberville. One Barn fans may need to "fear the thumb" when it comes to Coach Tubby and his Tigers, but one name he won't be called is "10 win Tommy".

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**Improve record to 12-2
Tigers post area win over Luverne 54-48**

The Elba Tigers continued their winning ways and remained undefeated in area play Friday night by posting a big 54-48 win over the Luverne Tigers, in Elba.

The win improved Elba's overall record to 12-2, while the Tigers' area slate went to 3-0 and kept them alone atop the area standings.

Elba jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead behind the shooting of Mason Gulley and LaRay Williams, only to see Luverne score 10 straight points as Luverne pulled on top 10-4 with 1:35 remaining in the opening quarter. Williams scored from inside and converted a free-throw to the lead to 10-7 with 1:10 left on the clock, then scored the final basket of the quarter with only :04 remaining as the Tigers pulled within 10-9 heading into the second stanza.

Elba came out determined to regain command as the second quarter opened and the Tigers did just that as they opened the quarter with a 17-0 run to jump out to a commanding 26-10 advantage! Reyman Rodgers and Ron Hill scored early in the quarter to spark the rally, while Brandon Kelley capped off the run with a three-pointer with 2:13 left in the half. Luverne finally scored late in the quarter, but it made little difference as the Tigers went into intermission with a 29-13 lead and a late point by Mason Gulley.

Elba scored 17 points in the third quarter after a driving lay-up by LaRay Williams. However, this time it was Luverne's time to stage a rally as the visitors outscored Elba 8-0 over the next three minutes to cut the Tigers' advantage to 31-23. A basket by Mason Gulley snapped the scoring drought for the Tigers and gave Elba a 33-23 lead with 6:58 remaining in the third quarter after a driving lay-up by LaRay Williams.

Luverne hit one of two free-throws with 2:38 on the clock the Tigers' lead stood at 30-46.

Luverne cut the lead to 40-48 and had a chance to pull even in the closing minute, but missed two free-throws and then watched as Elba's Mason Gulley scored the final four points of the game to give the Tigers the 54-48 win.

Mason Gulley scored 17 points to lead Elba, while LaRay Williams added 13 points and pulled down 10 rebounds and Reyman Rodgers added 11 points. Fred Hawkins scored 16 points to lead Luverne.

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Elba (54): Gulley 17, Williams 13, Hill 2, Kelley 6, Logan 5, Rodgers 11.

Luverne (48): Hawkins 16, Franklin 8, Kilpatrick 8, Dixon 2, Jones 5, Brown 3, Lowery 6.

(Photo by Laura Baxley)



ELBA'S RON HILL drives in for an easy basket during a recent Tiger win. Hill scored a season high 18 points last week to spark Elba to a big area win over Highland Home.

(Photo by Laura Baxley)

Elba Tigers grab big road win over Highland Home 73-59

The Elba Tigers traveled to Highland Home last Tuesday night and claimed a big area road win by running past the Highland Home Flying Squadron 73-59.

The win提升了 Elba's record to 12-2 and put the Tigers PIAA 1A in the area with a 2-0 record.

Ron Hill scored 18 points to spark the Tigers to the win, while Mason Gulley added 14 points. LaRay Williams scored 13 and Kikko Logan added 10 points and pulled down 10 rebounds.

(JV GAME)

The Elba JV Tigers pulled ahead early and rolled to a 61-37 win Friday night over Luverne.

Johnny Stoudemire scored 18 points to lead the Tigers, while Channing Morris and Gavin Respress both scored 12 points.

Lady Tigers suffer upset loss to Luverne 57-51 in overtime thriller

The Elba Lady Tigers suffered their first area loss of the season Friday night when they fell to Luverne.

The loss dropped the Lady Tigers' record to 4-6, 2-1 in area play.

Elba came out ready to play in the key area clash and rolled out to an early 5-0 lead behind the scoring of Leanna Henderson and LaFonda Thigpen. The Lady Tigers' lead grew to 2-2 with 4:13 left in the opening stanza on a three-pointer by Thigpen, while Whitney Lawford scored five points late in the quarter to help Elba stretch its lead to 13-6.

Luverne continued to battle and cut the lead to 47-42 with 1:55 still left on the clock. Luverne caught Elba at 47-47 with :35 remaining, and the Lady Tigers missed four free-throws in the closing seconds as the game went into overtime with the score still tied at 47-47.

Elba scored first in the extra period on a jumper by Leanna Henderson to take a 49-47 lead, only to see Luverne hit a three-pointer with 3:15 left to move on top 50-49. Whitney Lawford scored the Lady Tigers even at 50-50 with 2:50 remaining on the clock, but then connected on only one of five free-throws in the next minute of play and watched as Luverne moved back on top 52-51. Luverne hit the free-throw line in the closing minutes of overtime and hit five of nine shots to pull away and claim the 57-51 upset win over the Lady Tigers.

Whitney Lawford scored 16 points to lead Elba, while Leanna Henderson added 9. Franklin scored 23 points and Sanders added 15 to lead Luverne.

Elba moved ahead 23-17 early in the third quarter on a three-pointer by LaFonda Thigpen, but saw Luverne score six straight points over the next two minutes to pull even at 23-23. A basket by James Carnley and a free-throw by Whitney Lawford put the Lady Tigers back on top 27-23, and Elba moved ahead 30-24 with 3:17 left in the quarter when Leanna Henderson scored from inside.

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Luverne (51): Thigpen 8, Carnley 8, Henderson 9, Lawford 16, Pruitt 2, Caldwell 5.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



New Brockton's football coach officially resigns duties as coach/athletic director

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday evening, Jan. 5, for the regular monthly meeting of the board and officially accepted a resignation that many had been anticipating.

At the end of New Brockton High School's football season, it was reported that Coach Shannon Clark informed his players that he would not return next season as the head coach; however, no official action has been taken by Clark or the Coffee County Board of Education until last Thursday evening's meeting.

During the meeting, Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram recommended that the board accept the resignation of Shannon Clark as head football coach and athletic director at New Brockton High School. Clark did not resign his teaching position at the school.

Board members asked if Clark gave a reason for his resignation as coach/athletic director, and Ingram said no.

Ingram told board members that she is going to continue to work with the architect on drawing plans for the proposed

posing."

Ingram told board members that the windows were delivered for the New Brockton High School renovation project several years. She said Zion Chapel is up to 723 students this year.

"We're trying to plan for the activities currently going on at the school," she said. "It's a practical building we're pro-

said she had expressed that feeling to the architect and contractor.

Ingram also reported that other construction projects at the schools are progressing well.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education will be Thursday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m.

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TOWN

accounts.

White said there are a significant amount of past due accounts. He said the board has turned these accounts over to Holloway Credit for the company to locate the customers, collect the past due money. He said a portion of the collected money will go to Holloway Credit.

White also said the quota for sign-ups with the water system upgrade has been met. He said this now allows the water board to close on the loan for the project.

Council members also tabled the request to allow the planting of a tree in memory of Pouncey.

Council members unanimously voted to pay the monthly bills. The total bills through Dec. 31, 2005 were \$27,489.01 with \$27,179.01 being prepaid and \$310 to be paid.

Herron read a letter during the meeting from the New Brockton Athletic Club. The club has sponsored the pageants for several years, but the letter indicated the club is no longer interested in sponsoring the pageants. Seven reasons were mentioned.

Council member Cal Donna Howard said sponsorship of the pageants is a job, and she suggested the council gather more information and take more time to discuss before any decision is made regarding the sponsorship.

Council members also discussed searching for any other organizations that might be interested in sponsoring the pageants.

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ELBA COUNCIL MEMBER HAROLD SPICER (right) serves on the Southeast Alabama Gas District board and recently presented a grant check to the City of Elba on behalf of the Southeast Alabama Gas District. Accepting the check is Elba Mayor James Grimes.

Senior World Group to offer Spanish lessons

Habla Espanol? During the month of February, the Senior World Group of Dothan will offer conversational Spanish lessons for seniors at Troy University. The non-credit classes begin February 7, and continue each Tuesday throughout the month.

Area residents age 50 and over, who are interested in learning a new hobby or travel-

ing abroad, are encouraged to sign up. Each session is held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Dothan Campus.

The classes are free to Senior World members. Non-members will be charged a small fee to register. For more information, contact the Troy University Continuing Education Center at (334) 983-0005.

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His resignation was accepted by an unanimous vote of the board.

Town Clerk Annette Williams said the request was made by former classmates of Brock.

With permission from the council, she said the classmates

would like to plant the tree either in the town park or along the walking trail.

Council member Richard Driskell made a motion with a second from White to allow the planting of the tree in memory of Pouncey Brock with the understanding the town assumes no responsibility for the tree upkeep. The motion passed unanimously.

Council members tabled until the next working group meeting a discussion regarding the implementation of a town newsletter. The newsletter was suggested by a resident who offered her services free for the first issue only with the project.

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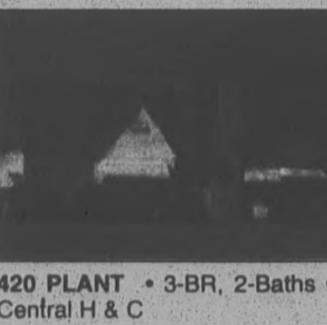
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A "Ring in the New Year Bazaar" will be held Saturday, Jan. 14, in New Brockton from 10 a.m. until at the New Brockton Park. For information, contact Gayle White (334) 308-0620 or Jerondine Smith (334) 394-4290.

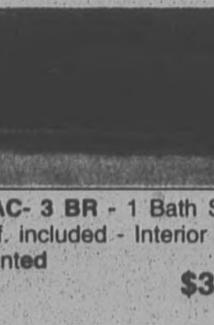
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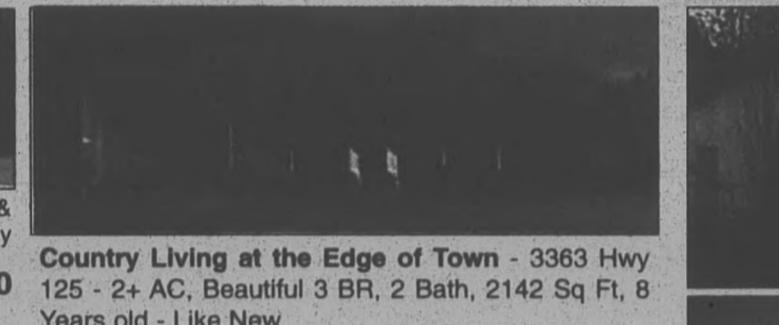
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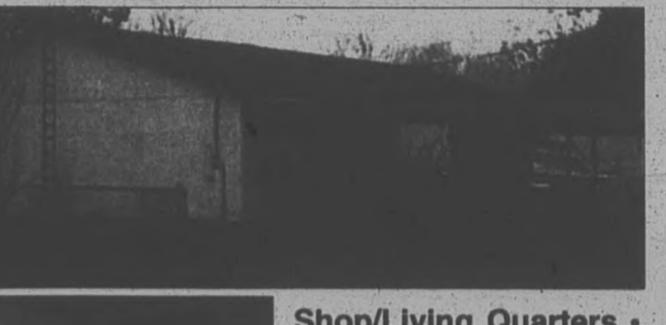
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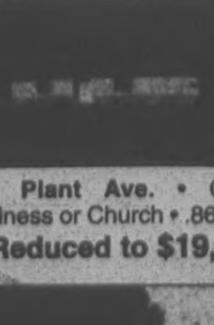
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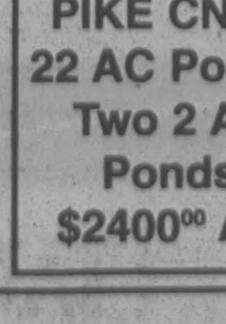
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New Brockton memorializes Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Town of New Brockton joined others across the nation Monday, Jan. 16, in honoring

and remembering the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The day's events in New Brockton began around 9 a.m. when participants gathered at

the site of the old Warren Smith School building for a short program.

FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THAT PROGRAM, THOSE IN ATTENDANCE PARTICIPATED IN THE ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MARCH HONORING DR. KING. APPROXIMATELY 50 PEOPLE OF ALL AGES PARTICIPATED IN THE MARCH.

Elba Police Chief Dale Grimes led the march by vehicle. He was followed by the marchers from the old Warren Smith School building to the town's main street and then to Springfield Baptist Church - the site of a memorial program.

New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole served as the guest speaker of the memorial program, and he urged those in attendance to "embrace the unity and brotherhood that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. taught us."

Several local church pastors and community leaders also participated in the event.

APPROXIMATELY 50 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED in New Brockton's annual "Remembrance March" Monday, Jan. 16, in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Sheriff's Department arrests two following theft at county store

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Deputies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department responded Monday, Jan. 16, to the scene of a reported theft, and later in the evening made two arrests in connection to the crime.

According to Coffee County Sheriff's Department chief deputy Myers Williams, the report of a robbery came to the department at the intersection of Hwy. 134 and Hwy. 189 in the Perry's Store community, was received between 4 and 4:30 p.m. Monday afternoon. He said the crime later was determined to be a felony, rather than a robbery.

Williams said two males reportedly entered the country store, grabbed a piece of merchandise off the shelf and tried to return it for money back.

However, he said the business owner realized the item had not been purchased and would not allow the return.

Williams said one of the two

suspects then allegedly diverted the owner's attention to the back of the store while the other suspect went behind the counter and took a money bag.

At that point, he said the suspects fled the scene of the crime.

After other law enforcement officers in the area responded to the scene of the reported theft, Williams said he located and following a brief chase, Williams said they were received a call from the police.

Arrested and charged with

chief in Arinton. He said the chief indicated he knew of two males in Arinton that matched the description of those suspected.

Williams said information was gathered, including a positive identification from the victim of one of the suspects by photograph. Both suspects were located and following a brief chase, Williams said they were received a call from the police.

According to Coffee County Sheriff's Department chief deputy Myers Williams, the report of a robbery came to the department at the intersection of Hwy. 134 and Hwy. 189 in the Perry's Store community, was received between 4 and 4:30 p.m. Monday afternoon. He said the crime later was determined to be a felony, rather than a robbery.

Williams said two males reportedly entered the country store, grabbed a piece of merchandise off the shelf and tried to return it for money back.

However, he said the business owner realized the item had not been purchased and would not allow the return.

Williams said one of the two

suspects then allegedly diverted the owner's attention to the back of the store while the other suspect went behind the counter and took a money bag.

At that point, he said the suspects fled the scene of the crime.

After other law enforcement officers in the area responded to the scene of the reported theft, Williams said he located and following a brief chase, Williams said they were received a call from the police.

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According to Williams, the suspects confessed to the crime after being arrested. As of yesterday afternoon, he said they remained in the Coffee County Jail.

Williams added that the stolen money bag and checks were recovered and only a small amount of cash was taken.

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